Supreme Court and the Court had, in 1980, ordered the stay of operation of the notification extending the provisions of the Act to Beedi Industry, pending hearing of the case. The hearing in the case has since been concluded and the judgement is awaited.

भविष्य निधि मामलों के लिये अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति

2096. **श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा भविष्य निधि के मामलों के लिए राज्य-वार कितने अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति की गई है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उन्हें कितने शुल्क (फीस) का भुगतान किया गया है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० अन्जैय्या) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जायगी।

Construction of houses for the Rural Labour and Harijans

2097. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of houses that have been built for the rural labour and Harijans as a part of 20 Point Programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what were the targets fixed in the Sixth Five Year Plan during each year of this programme and the actual achievement; and

(c) what was the construction cost of each house and what were the grant given by the Central Government to the States on this account?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of allotment of house sites-cum-construction assistance for rural landless workers which is a part of the New 20 Point Programme, the house sites are allotted and construction assistance is given to rural landless workers and artisans. Statement indicating the targets and achievements of this scheme during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1981—85) is annexed.

(c) Housing being a State subject, all social housing schemes are being implemented by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. The Union Government provides financial assistance in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied up to any particular scheme.

Poor Quality of Foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops

2098. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints Government have received during the last three years about the poor quality of foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops, year-wise, and State-wise;

(b) the number of complaints enquired into by Government;

(c) what action has been taken on the complaints; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the quality of foodgrains supplied through the Fair Price Shops?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Fortyeight complaints were received from January 1982 to July, 1985, about the poor quality of foodgrains supplied through fair price shops. State-wise and year-wise breakup is enclosed. (*See below*).

(b) Out of 48 complaints received, 38 complaints have been investigated and 10 complaints are under investigation.

(c) In 25 cases where there was substance in the complaints, the State Governments and F.C.I. were asked to take suitable action. In 13 cases, it was found that the grain conformed to P.F.A. standards.

(d) Regular quality checks/inspections are carried out at food storage depots, from where supplies are effected for public distribution. Fair price shop dealers are allowed to inspect stocks earmarked for supply. Two representative samples drawn by the owner of FPS and a representative of the FCI, are given to fair price shops for public display, indicating the quality of foodgranins acttually issued.